

EGERTON UPDATE

The quarterly magazine for the village of Egerton, Kent

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Boundary Map and Ashford Plan grab residents' attention

Egerton's intention to produce its own Neighbourhood Plan was officially launched to attendees of the March Parish Assembly.

A huge map of the Parish Boundary which depicted the area of the Neighbourhood Plan, plus details of Ashford Borough Council's current Draft Plan for Egerton to 2030, proved to be a popular draw to visitors who made it to the event.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group used the opportunity to appeal for volunteers to come forward to help with the preparation of the Plan and 10 residents came forward to offer their services to the recently-formed committee.

Egerton's application to develop a Neighbourhood Plan has been acknowledged by Ashford Borough Council and a consultation period was expected to start around April 24th. Once the go-ahead is given, the Steering Group will be schooled in the

process of producing the Plan by representatives from Ashford Borough Council before beginning a series of consultations with residents through public meetings, workshops and a village questionnaire.

See pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 for more details



John Fraser is honoured



This year's Community Award went to John Fraser in recognition of all his achievements in the village over many years. John was founding Chairman of the Egerton Fete Committee and the driving force behind our village fetes from the first one in 1986 until well into the 2000s. He also chaired the Committee that raised £125,000 towards the building of the Millennium Hall – all coming from events and activities within our local community. In doing so, he created, among other things, the Egerton Music Festival. John founded and for some years served as Chairman of the Egerton Music Club. As a result of his tireless efforts, our village has been host to a wide spectrum of classical and popular musicians. His award is well deserved. As John was recuperating from an operation at the time of the event, the award was collected, on his behalf, by his wife Janet (pictured above with EPC chairman, Richard King).

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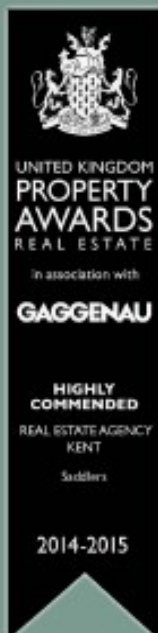
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Ashford's Draft Plan laid out

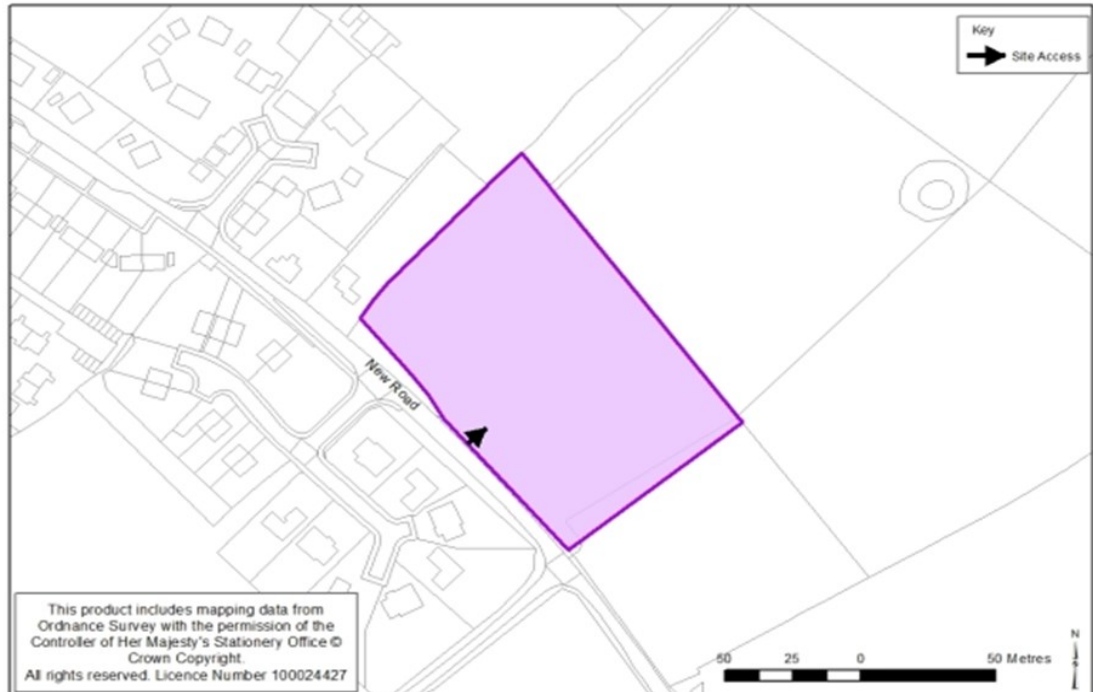
This is Ashford Borough Council's current Draft Plan for Egerton which focusses on the possible development of 15 housing units in New Road. It could form part of a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. This plan was displayed by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee at the recent Egerton Parish Assembly.

4.306 This site is located in the south eastern edge of Egerton village on New Road, opposite Harmers Way, a modern housing estate. The site is in agricultural use and is currently used for grazing. The site is bounded by hedge-rows and a limited number of trees creating a natural buffer to the countryside to the east and south. There is an existing PRow footpath along the south eastern boundary.

4.307 This site provides the opportunity to create a natural extension to the village as it lies within walking distance of the village centre and the wide range of services provided there. At 1ha the site is considered suitable for residential development of around 15 dwellings (at 15dph).

4.308 The prominence of the site's location at the entrance of the village makes it essential that detailed consideration is given to design and layout issues. This site has a rural aspect and its development will impact on views of the village church when approached from the south, a scheme of no more than 2 storeys would be most appropriate here. The site should mirror the building line on the opposite side of the road. The Egerton Parish Design Statement should be taken into account to achieve a suitably designed development that reflects local character and that makes a positive contribution to the built environment.

4.309 With the exception of creating a suitable point of access at the point shown on the policies map, existing hedgerows should be retained to provide a natural buffer between the new development and the countryside. New planting is needed to soften the southern edge of built development to minimise visual impact and to make an attractive entrance to the village.



4.310 Pedestrian access with a safe road crossing point should be provided linking the new development to existing footpaths that facilitate Harmers Way and lead to the centre of the village. The developer will also need to negotiate the existing 30mph speed limit being extended further south along New Road with the local Highways Authority.

4.311 The site lies within an Area of Archaeological Potential and is approximately 80 metres from a Bronze Age barrow.

Archaeological investigation work should be undertaken to access the archaeological potential within the site prior to construction work commencing.

4.312 Due to the close proximity of the village recreation ground, on-site provision of public open space will not be expected but appropriate contributions towards the management, maintenance and enhancement of the village recreation ground provision will be sought.

Policy S30 - Egerton - Land on New Road :

The land north east of New Road is proposed for residential development for up to 15 units. Development proposals for this site shall:

- * Be designed and laid out to take account of the residential amenity of neighbouring occupiers. Particular attention needs to be given to the topography of the site and views of the village church. The Egerton Parish Design Statement should be taken into account;

- * Create soft landscaping along the south eastern edge to lessen the visual impact of development when approaching the village from the south;

- * Provide primary vehicle access on New Road, as shown on the policies map and the extension of the existing 30mph speed restriction;

- * Provide new pedestrian routes throughout the development and connections to existing rural routes facilitating Harmers Way and local services;
- * Undertake Archaeological investigation work

Egerton Update is published by Egerton Parish Council and is produced by volunteers. Whilst every effort is made to ensure accuracy in the production of the magazine, any opinions expressed in articles are those of the individual contributors not the Parish Council.

Ashford Borough Council responds to Egerton's request

Ashford Borough Council responded to Egerton's request to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. This includes the press release and printed Public Notice below plus the map on page 6:

An application to make Egerton a designated neighbourhood area has been submitted to the Borough Council. Ashford Borough Council (ABC) received an application from Egerton Parish Council in March to make the entire parish a designated neighbourhood area.

If accepted and approved, the new status will allow the parish council to carry out its own neighbourhood planning, and in particular to prepare an official 'neighbourhood plan' against which future planning applications will be assessed.

The application and map of the area can be viewed on the ABC Consultation Portal www.ashford.gov.uk/consult, where comments can be made for a period of six weeks, until noon on Monday 5th June 2017.

Alternatively, you can send your comments via email to planningpolicy@ashford.gov.uk

or by post to Planning Policy, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL.

The application can also be viewed at the Civic Centre and Charing Library, and more information about neighbourhood plans is available at www.ashford.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plans.



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PUBLIC NOTICE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA, EGERTON PARISH

Notice is given that an application has been made by Egerton Parish Council for designation of a Neighbourhood Area. The purpose of the application is to enable the Parish Council to undertake neighbourhood planning, and in particular to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. The area requested to be designated is the entire Parish of Egerton, as shown on the map attached.

A copy of the full application and map can be viewed through the documents tab on this consultation and is available to view in hard copy in the **Civic Centre** Main reception, Tannery Lane – 8.30am – 5pm (Monday to Friday) or **Charing Library**, Market Place, 9am - 12 noon (Tuesday), 9am - 5pm (Thursday), 2pm - 5pm (Friday), 9am - 1pm (Saturday).

If you wish to make a representation on this request please do so **by Midday on Monday 5th June 2017**.

Alternatively you can email planningpolicy@ashford.gov.uk, or send written representations by post to Egerton Neighbourhood Area, Planning Policy, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL.

Publication of requests to designate a Neighbourhood Area is a requirement of Section 5 – 7 of Town and Country Planning England Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Vision and Timetable for Egerton revealed

Egerton Parish Council has helped form a steering group supported by volunteers to take the proposed Neighbourhood Plan forward. The Steering Group has already produced a Vision along with a draft timetable for producing the Plan which is outlined below

Draft Vision for the Neighbourhood Plan

Our vision for the future of the village, based on the findings of the Parish Plan published in 2015 and the Egerton Parish Design Statement published in 2008, is to retain and enhance the essential character of Egerton, preserving its distinctive rural character and landscape whilst ensuring that:

- * as far as possible, all age groups can be accommodated in an appropriate mix of well-designed housing, conducive to the well-being of residents
- * the advantages of 21st Century technology are readily available throughout the village - to include environmentally sensitive design and construction materials in line with the Parish Design Statement, and energy-efficiency, high speed broadband and effective mobile telephone coverage
- * provision of infrastructure/ services/ utilities is maintained to a high standard to support both existing and any additional development.



Draft Timetable

November 2016 - February 2017. Propose and agree the boundary of the Neighbourhood Plan in consultation with all residents by circulating the proposal to use the current parish boundary to all households in Egerton Update (November 2016 and February 2017)

March 2017. Send the designated boundary to the Local Planning Authority (Ashford Borough Council, ABC) with the formal announcement of intention to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan based on the proposed boundary

Appoint a steering group, reporting to the Egerton Parish Council (EPC), to oversee the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan

Draft vision, terms of reference for the steering group, aims and issues, and outline process and timetable

Begin face to face consultation at the Egerton Parish Assembly on 23rd March, offering opportunities to comment and/or participate both to those attending the Parish Assembly and to all Egerton residents unable to attend

April - October 2017. Draft options based on a series of small scale workshops and larger public meeting/s. Identify sources of funds for the public consultation process, and engage consultants as required.

November 2017. Develop final proposals/plan, consulting the local authority and engaging consultants as required.

December 2017 - January 2018. Six week consultation by EPC within the village.

February 2018. Revise final proposals/plan if necessary

March 2018. Submit final proposals/plan to ABC for checks on compliance

April - May 2018. ABC 6-week consultation process.

June - July 2018. Final plan is reviewed by an external Examiner, and EPC and steering group respond to Examiner's comments, modifying if necessary

August-September 2018. Village Referendum.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Vice-chairman of EPC, Peter Rawlinson, is chairing the Neighbourhood Plan Committee alongside committee members: Jane Carr, Lois Tilden, Graham Howland, Chris Burgess, Ian Mella, John Matthews, Elaine Graham and Melanie Rawlinson. The group have been meeting regularly over the past few months and are expecting to meet with representatives from Ashford Borough Council in May. The group can be contacted at egertonnp@gmail.com

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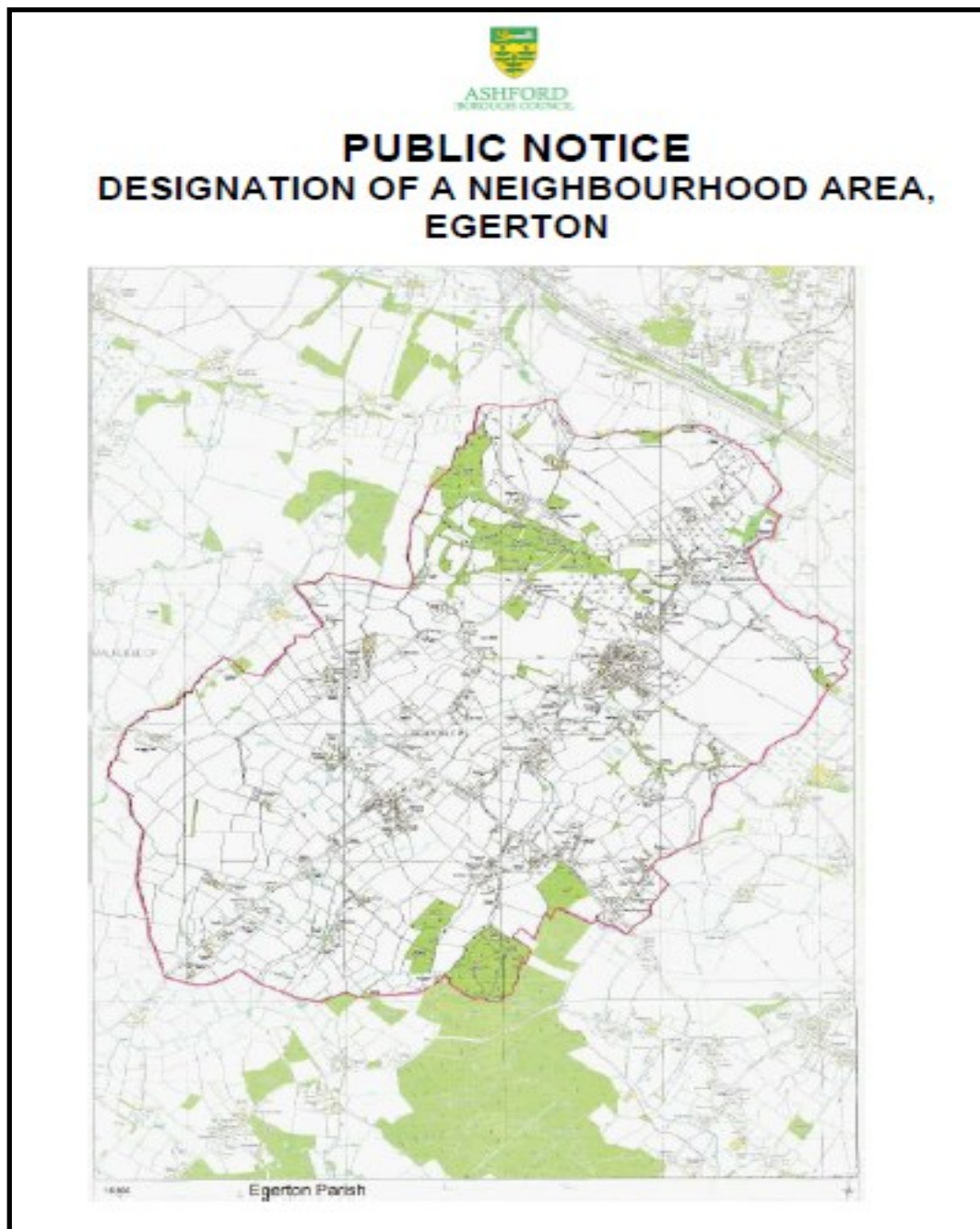
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Map of Egerton Parish Boundary



This is the area that will be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan and is the area that is shown in Ashford Borough Council's designation of the Neighbourhood Plan area for Egerton.

There will be more details on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan in the next issue of Egerton Update.

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Club welcomes players of all ages and standards. If you need a partner or want a game of doubles, there is a weekly club meeting on Saturday morning 10-12.00.

The club has recently been relaunched and is now in full swing following a very successful open afternoon on 2 April. There was an excellent turnout for the afternoon with many families taking advantage of the free coaching on offer and enjoying a cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake in the sunshine.

The courts are easy to find if you drive to Pluckley on the Egerton Road and there is plenty of free parking nearby on the recreation ground near the Black Horse pub.

Pluckley Tennis Club is registered with the LTA. Membership is open to all with subscriptions as follows:

Single Adult: £40

Single Junior (under 18): £10

Student (Full Time Education): £10

To apply for membership, you can do so by following this link: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PluckleyTen...>

Players can also have access to courts on a 'pay as you go' rate of £7.50 an hour.

To book the main court as a member or non-member follow the same link:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PluckleyTen...>

For further information email: pluckleytennis@gmail.com

Annual Flypast and Service



A service to commemorate The 127th Canadian Wing and the American 362nd Fighter Groups who flew from our local airfield in Bedlam Lane will be held on Sunday 3rd September 2017 at the Memorial in Bedlam Lane, Egerton/Smarden at 2.30 pm with a promised flypast by a Spitfire and Hurricane from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at 3 pm (weather permitting). All are welcome - ample off road parking and light refreshments after the service/flypast. Further details please call 01233 756 686.

Ghostly goings-on?



We all know that Pluckley is famed for being the most haunted village in England but does anyone know of any Ghost/Folk/Fairy stories connected with Egerton? If so Fiona Fraser-Pritchard wants to hear from you! Contact Fiona at fboutlon1@btinternet.com.

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Outdoor Film Fun



You may have heard that Egerton Preschool is organising an outdoor cinema night on Sunday 3rd September 2017 on the recreation grounds. They hope to raise a healthy sum for the Preschool with a fun packed evening for all the family. The big question though is "what film will it be?". It's a big decision and the Preschool committee would love to hear your suggestions!

You can send your ideas to Esther (preschool committee):

esthercohen@hotmail.com or txt 07737764660 or phone 756260.

Esther would also really like to hear from anyone who may be interested in sponsoring the event, being a ticket seller or to help on the night.

Sewage Saga

Residents will have noticed the increased number of tankers visiting the sewage works off Rock Hill Road in the last month or so.

This was a result of one of the two Rotating Biological Contactors (RBC) on site breaking its main shaft axle. As a result, the works only had a 50% capacity and so tankers were brought in to carry off half the flow to other sewage works. Remedial work involved bringing in a crane to lift the unit out, take it off site for repair and then, a week later, lifting it back into position. This phase was completed in early April. However, the RBC needs to have a period to 're-seed'. That is to say there is a naturally occurring bio-mass that forms on the plastic discs of the RBC over time that carries out the biological treatment of the sewage. This happens by passing sewage through the unit and eventually the sewage and the air that the biomass is exposed to completes the re-seeding. This is not an exact science and Southern Water cannot accurately predict how long this can take. Somewhere between 2 and 6 weeks is the best guesstimate. So, until the unit is back up to speed, Southern Water is still tankering approx half the flows away from site to be treated elsewhere. Hopefully all will be back to normal by mid May!

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Egerton Stores Update

After informing Ashford Borough Council of our intention to sell the shop and Post Office in May 2016, a 6-week moratorium came into effect within which the Parish Council, or other community group, could indicate their interest in purchasing the property. The Parish Council submitted a written request to the Borough Council to be treated as a potential bidder. This put in place a further 5-month moratorium during which time the shop and Post Office could not be sold to another buyer. The moratorium ended on the 8th December 2016. The Parish Council did not pursue purchase and as owners of the property, we are now free to sell to any other bidders.

The business has been advertised on two trade property websites since December. Whilst a lot of initial interest has been created, there have as yet been no viewings. The property market has been very flat these past few months but there is hope this will improve with the coming of the warmer Spring months.

We are determined to sell the business as a 'going concern'. This is no mean task though, given current economic circumstances. Numerous small local rural businesses have suffered from poor trade over past months, even over the traditionally more buoyant Christmas period. Our suppliers, who deliver all over Kent and Sussex, have reported that many of their clients' businesses have been struggling as both customer numbers and takings fall. Some have even folded. Colin & I know how important a village shop and Post Office is in terms of community value. Alas, in these days of economic dourness, that value is simply not recognised by the taxman or others who require bills to be paid in cold hard cash.

Support for Egerton's Post Office services remains loyal. Unfortunately, it takes more than the use of the Post Office to ensure the shop remains viable. For shelves to be continually filled with varied stock, there needs to be money in the till and for that there needs to be a regular flow of customers. It really is as simple as that. The success of a village shop business relies on people putting money where their mouths are. It is not enough to say you want to keep the village store, you have to make a trip to the village store a regular habit. Use it, or you really will lose it.

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This year's Festival will open with a performance of Mozart's comic opera "*The Marriage of Figaro*" by Opera Brava. On Thursday, Stevie Higgins and a world-class West End cast will sing songs from the shows, "*From Times Square to Leicester Square*", including Rodgers & Hammerstein and Andrew Lloyd-Webber favourites.

There is a fantastic Chamber Recital on Friday evening which will include Schubert and Brahms Piano Trios. On the same evening, a free fringe event will feature the Lantern Society Acoustic Club at Egerton House.

The Royal Academy of Music Fitzroy Quartet will give a lunchtime chamber recital on Saturday in St James' Church,

This is followed, by popular request, with a Picnic in the Garden in the Egerton House walled garden, when the Coal Porters will whisk together a cocktail of blue grass, folk and country music. A lovely event for families. Saturday evening features a Jazz Supper – a mixture of classic jazz and numbers from the American songbook, presented by Canterbury Christchurch University Jazz Ensemble, including a buffet supper. The festival concludes with a wonderful trio of events: an afternoon recital by Danielle Perrett, one of the UK's finest harpists; the ever popular Last Night Extravaganza featuring for the second time the Fitzroy Quartet, plus members of Sutton Valence Choral Society, finishing with Jerusalem and Rule Britannia; and finally an evening of pop, folk and laughter with Peter, Paul and Mary's brother, free, in The Barrow House.

For the first time, a limited number of free tickets are available for some of the events for under 25s, on a first come, first served basis.

As usual there will be an Art Exhibition by local artists in the Games Barn, and in the week leading up to the Festival there will be a Music Quiz, and a screening of "*Hilary & Jackie*" by Egerton Film Society.

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The kind of items the production company has come across so far have ranged from inherited pocket watches to grandfather clocks, from rocking horses to drawn carriages, even from toy cars to VW campers. The company has a team of experts who cover all trades such as blacksmithing, ceramics, clockmakers, upholsterers and carpenters.

It is looking at parish, networks and communities to see if anyone has any items that might be suitable they'd like to put forward as it would like to feature and repair a few items in the show that have a community value, something treasured or something essential to communities that has fallen into disrepair, perhaps has an interesting story and purpose to the village/town—they could be memorial plaques, eroded statues, snapped weather vanes, broken sun dials, cracked gargoyles, fading carvings and so on. Although a lot of things can be moved, items would need to not be permanently stuck in situ. The item would be repaired at the production company's repair shop (a barn outfitted for its experts) and given back to the community at no expense to the owner – additionally there would be broadcasted TV coverage from start to finish of the item, in the work shop and also when the item is revealed to the owner or community. If perhaps you might have something you'd love to be repaired, or know of a community asset that has fallen into disrepair then please contact repair@ricochet.co.uk or call them on 01273 224800.



Five go to Brighton!

Five members of Egerton Running Club completed the Brighton Marathon on one of the hottest days in April! (From left to right) Alison Rivers, Louise Mills, Sarah Doughty, Vanessa Smith and Mark Winter all trained hard for the event over the winter months—running the lanes and roads around Egerton—sometimes with head torches in the dark evenings! You don't have to be a marathon runner to join the Club. All abilities from complete beginners to experienced runners are catered for and welcome to come along. See www.egertonrunningclub.co.uk for details.

Don't Forget Egerton's Annual Bluebell Run! . Organised by Egerton Running Club and the Friends of Egerton School, the event takes place Sunday May 7th with a 5K or 10K run through the beautiful orchards, lanes and bluebell woodlands around Egerton Parish. Or you can accompany your child in the Children's Fun Run. Registration from 9.15am. Races start from 10.00am. See page 24 for details.
www.egerton.kent.sch.uk and www.egertonrunningclub.co.uk

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Poppy Appeal

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Quiz Winners at Rose & Crown

Seventeen teams battled it out at the Rose & Crown's Big Fat Quiz of 2017 held in February. In a closely fought contest, first and second place were split only by the difference on their joker round. The winners were Elaine and Cedric Narborough along with Lawrence and Diane Dickens emerging victorious.




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Whilst it is still a year to go, the Fete Committee is already starting to think about planning next year's event.

Held every 3 years, the Village Fete has been a vital source of funds for various Village projects.

The Fete Committee will be starting to meet in early autumn and is looking for volunteers to help with the planning of the event.

Can you spare a small amount of your time to help out this marvellous village? Contact Jonathan Elworthy on 07802 499577 or by email: jona-than@elworthys.com.

For the late May Bank Holiday the Rose and Crown will be open for food all day on the Bank Holiday Monday from 12 to 8pm. The Pub is also now taking bookings for Father's Day (Sunday 18th June).



PUB NEWS

From Wednesday 28th June to Saturday 1st July, The Barrow House will be offering a special Egerton Music Festival menu between 5-7pm. Enjoy two delicious courses in the Dining Room for £12 or three for £15 and the pub promises to make sure you get to the concert on time. But please book ahead. On the closing day, Sunday 2nd July, the pub will be hosting a fun-packed day of family-friendly musical fun to conclude the festivities.

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Obituary: Judith Mella

JUDITH MELLA.

Ian Mella writes:

Born in Singleton, near Lytham St Annes, Judith was the only child of Edward Brierley, an accountant with ICI, and his wife Ruby. Ruby owned a dressmaking shop in Lytham St. Annes and made many costumes for the stars at the summer shows in Blackpool. Judith's father was a naval Captain in command of a minesweeper in the Second World War, firstly in Scotland and later sweeping the English Channel in preparation for D-Day. Judith was educated at Bury Grammar School, joining in September 1947. Her closest friend remembers that they went to Sunday School together, chased the choir boys at St. Mary's, Crumpsall, tried to be good Girl-Guides, and were keen Scottish country dancers.

Judith never lost touch with her old school, attending annual meetings of the London branch of the Old Girls' Association, and donating her own painting of swans (the school symbol) from which note cards were made, and are still on sale today, to raise money for the school.

After school, Judith got a job as a Librarian with ICI as her father had said it was not worth her going to university. (He was later to be proved wrong, as Judith gained a BA in medieval history, with her dissertation on the salt mines of Cheshire). At the library, she met a research scientist named Bob and they were married in 1956 and had two children, Nicholas and Jessica. Bob's research work meant that they moved around the country, living in Yorkshire, Cheshire and

Abergavenny, retiring to Sidmouth, and eventually moving to Ashford. Having many interests, she was at various times a Commandant of the Cheshire branch of the British Red Cross Society, a guide at Tatton Park in Cheshire and Godinton House in Kent, Secretary of Ashford Art Society, and a Housebound Library Service volunteer for Ashford Library.

However, Judith's greatest interest was NADFAS (The National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies). She was a member of Honiton DFAS, and a founder member of both Sidmouth DFAS and Egerton DFAS.

Whilst at Sidmouth, her interest in recording the ledger stones at Exeter Cathedral created an embryonic Church Recording group. She also, and more importantly, designed and led a team of needleworkers to make Jacobean style hangings for a four poster bed in Topsham Museum. A picture of these hanging can be seen on the museum website, and the design was used on souvenir mugs, which remain on sale.

When Judith moved to Kent, she joined Ashford DFAS and designed and led a team to make a new altar frontal for the church of St. John the Baptist at Doddington. When Egerton DFAS was founded, Judith led the Church Recorders.

They completed records for both St. Cosmos and St. Damian at



Challock and St Mary at Westwell. In December 2011, when she was leading the recording of St. James the Great at Egerton, she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and it is fitting that her ashes are interred there.

Wherever she led, her open, winning style inspired team loyalty and dedication; individuals felt valued. A skilled embroiderer, calligrapher and a talented botanical artist herself, she believed that the art and craftsmanship to be found in our churches and produced by people of faith and expertise, deserved thorough research and recording for those to come.

A fine legacy.

Her previous marriage was dissolved and she married me in September 2008. She is survived by Bob, their children Nicholas and Jessica, three grandchildren, Amy, Claire and Emma, two great grandchildren, Olivia and Jacob, and myself.

Ian Mella

Judith Rose Mella, born 2 October 1935; died 31 January 2017.

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Village climbs on board with Players

Egerton Players blew the whistle on four popular performances of *The Railway Children— A Musical*—in February



Audiences were treated to the musical version of this popular book and film which was written by Richard John and Julian Woolford in 2005 to celebrate the centenary of the publication of the book. Egerton Players' Director, Wendy Thomas confesses that she was one of a few of her generation to never have seen the film or read the book— "so came to the project with no preconceptions of how the story should be told."



Mac Mercer led the ensemble in the role of Perks, while Helen Hocking, Elliot Carlton and Izzy Carlton were the Railway Children of the title. Musical Director was Ciara Crossley-Roberts and as usual, a whole host of in-front -of and behind-the-scenes members of this active village club gave up their time and expertise to put on a first-class performance.



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Oh Yes We Are!!!



Chris Stevens, Chairman of the Egerton Players Committee presents a cheque for £373.11 To Pilgrims Hospices. The money was raised by The Players through carol singing on The Glebe and in the Barrow House and Rose and Crown public houses during December. The Players also thanked everyone who came to see the recent production of The Railway Children - A Musical. The sale of Raffle Tickets at the event helped raise £108 for Cancer Research.

Egerton Players, next production is a Pantomime,



Aladdin and the Pirates scheduled to be performed on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December 2017.

Fancy being a Pirate, a Hero or perhaps a Genie?

Then come along to the read-through on Monday 3rd July and the auditions on Monday 10th July. The Players are looking for enthusiastic people to join them whether it be in a part big or small, as a member of the chorus or to help the back-stage and technical teams. If you are interested then the Players are happy to welcome anyone who wants to get involved. Please email the Secretary, Vanessa, at secretary@egertonplayers.com for more details or a membership application form.



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The next issue of Egerton Update will be distributed in August 2017. Between now and then we welcome your photographs, and reports, of all the news that is happening in your club or society. We would also love to receive details of what you have been up to over the spring and summer months and what is coming up in Egerton during the Autumn. All you do is email your contribution to **egertonupdate@gmail.com**. The final copy date for editorial contributions will be July 13th 2017. Please, where you can, send us a photo to illustrate events and meetings reports.



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Clubs and societies show off their wares



Egerton's many active clubs and societies were on hand at this year's Parish Assembly to promote their services to residents. Wealden Wheels, Egerton Running Club, the 2017 Music Festival, Egerton Players, and Egerton Walking Club were just some of the organisations promoting their passions. Visitors to the event enjoyed free wine and refreshments, courtesy of Egerton Parish Council which hosted the evening event.

Rose & Crown S.F. Golf Society

The 4th meeting was held on 31 March at Upchurch River Valley Golf Course. The winner was Aaron Dry who played beautifully to score 39 points. A special mention was given to Alan James who won the longest drive competition for the 4th consecutive meeting - can anybody out-muscle this man?

Please ask at the bar for details of future events.

Millennium Hall Update



Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Sue Johnson reports:

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee will take place on Wednesday 17th May, 8pm in the Committee Room. Members of the public are most welcome to attend.

We are still seeking a replacement for our Secretary, Heather Gould. Please contact Heather or myself if you are interested and would like more details.

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100 Club Draw



Here's the Draw results since the last edition:

February

£100 Lizzie Harrison
£25 Vanessa Styles
£25 Miles Alexander
£25 Steve Wellard
£25 Martin Wilkinson

March

£100 Gary Hales
£50 Sylvia Homewood
£25 Ernie Mexter
£25 Mike & Alexandra Bayley
£25 Sarah Gilbert

April

£100 Theo Elworthy
£50 Kevin Hicks
£25 Bill Smyth
£25 John & Gill Harper
£25 Charlie Simkins
****Easter Bonus Prizes****
£25 Julian Mills

£25 John Lumley

The Sports Pavilion 100 Club raises money for the repair and maintenance of Egerton Sports Pavilion. Membership costs £50pa for the 11 Draws in a year with prizes of £100, £50 and £25 (x3).

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Need somewhere for visitors to stay?

Hosting an event this summer and don't know where everyone is going to sleep? Well stop worrying - here are six local venues in and around Egerton offering accommodation, from homely to luxurious with interesting histories and backgrounds and much more to offer. As Helen McCarron reports

The Barrow House

The George pub in Egerton had a makeover in 2016, and now it looks and feels amazingly different. However, New Zealander Dane Allchome and his wife Sara, who are the new owners



have retained many features of the old inn, built in 1576, using timbers from old sailing ships. Traditional cob and plaster sits behind

the timber frame, weatherboards and Kent peg tiles added in the 17th Century. Another nice feature is in the bar where you can find signatures of American and Canadian airmen stationed at nearby airfields during the Second World War. The Allchome's felt the George needed a new name; they had recent experience renovating the old Bull in Sissinghurst renaming it 'The Milk House' drawing on its history as a dairy. So finding out that a barrow (an ancient burial mound) was situated a stone's throw from Egerton Church was the inspiration for the name 'The Barrow House'. The restaurant offers fresh seasonal food cooked from scratch daily. Accommodation is also available. There are three lovely rooms upstairs .

with en-suites and private access (see pictures above). Each room, with a huge bed, is individually decorated with contemporary fabrics and restored furniture. Breakfast is included. For further information telephone 01233 756599.

Britcher Farm Bed and Breakfast

Drive slowly into Britcher Farm Bed and Breakfast and feast your eyes on views over beautiful scenery rolling green hills and rich pasture land. Tucked away between Egerton and Pluckley, the B&B, part of a real working farm, is run by Petrina Trainer who aims to provide a home from home environment.

Currently there is only one room available (pictured below) but it is big and will easily accommodate a double and single bed, an additional mattress and a cot with room to spare (work is underway to provide another room).

If any visitor enjoys walking The Greensand Way runs through the property - it could be needed after a hearty breakfast of local sausages, bacon and eggs. For more information telephone 01233 756020 (07712 157237)



Pluckley Pad B&B

Steve and Jenny Armitage own and have been running, the Pluckley Pad B&B located in Pluckley for about a year. They have one large bright room with en-suite available (below) but it is completely self-contained with its own access. Privacy and comfort is a key feature. The king size double bed with high quality linen and the continental organic breakfast served in the room could keep any guest from wanting to leave. For more information ring 01233 841888



Who'd a Thought It

The origin of the name Who'd a Thought It, is not clear - the first references to it seem to date back to Napoleonic times. There are several theories from a Duke of Wellington hunting story to a poem by an unknown poet. It is one of a number of pubs around the country with the same name, the one in Devon is believed to be the oldest.

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The Kent Who'd a Thought It or the Whody as it is known by the locals, can be found on Headcorn Road, Grafty Green and has been in the Mallet family for the last 43 years. The restored sixteenth century pub has be-



come popular for its champagne and oyster bar, brasserie to fine dining and of course a good pint of beer as well. But, it is their accommodation that has to be seen to be believed. It is simply luxurious and outrageous all at the same time. All of the nineteen rooms are named after a champagne and are individually designed. I particularly loved their bathrooms/shower rooms all with Jacuzzis and hot tubs. But these rooms and suites are designed for couples only and popular for celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, or just time away from the children. For more information contact 01622 858951.



Fraser's

Hidden away in beautiful countryside, Fraser's, owned by Adam and Lisa-Jane Fraser is situated on a mixed farm which was originally purchased by Adam's father, John Fraser (of the famous House of Fraser) in 1960.

Adam and Lisa took over running the farm in 1996 and continued converting redundant buildings into Bed and Breakfast and holiday lets. (pictured above, right) A choice of eight rustic-chic rooms are available situated in three period buildings: a Kentish rag-stone, (a local limestone particularly suited for medieval stonework), oast house; a converted stable block and a former cart barn. For potential clients with restricted mobility seven of the suites are on the ground floor - a facility often overlooked. Each individually designed room is named after a variety of apple (a fruit well known in the Kent countryside) Blenheim, Russet, Laxton, Bramley, Lambourne, Sandringham, Discovery and Pippin. All rooms have a luxurious bathroom with comfy slippers and dressing gowns.

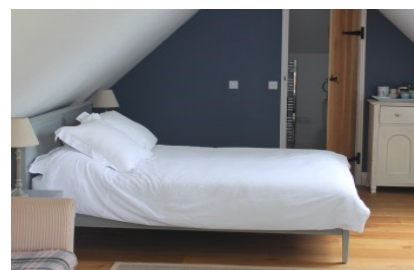
There is the two AA Rosette award winning restaurant, catering for weddings, functions and Afternoon Tea is popular. An interesting addition is their cookery school with five different courses available. And, they are currently offering Afternoon Tea with Fraser's Florals Spring Basket Masterclass. Any of the courses with an overnight stay would make a great present. For more information telephone 01233 756122.



Stone Lodge, Pluckley

Stone Lodge is a beautiful period house located in The Grove, just south of the village of Pluckley in Kent and close to Pluckley Station. The accommodation offers one large en suite room (below) which is located in the oak framed cart lodge in the lovely grounds and which has its own independent access. The room, which features an oak floor and a mix of antique and contemporary furniture overlooks a beautiful Kentish garden and fields to the rear. Owned and run by Carol Washer the accommodation also includes a delicious fresh breakfast delivered direct to your door.

Conveniently, the historic Dering Arms, a renowned pub and restaurant - and former hunting lodge - is just at the end of the lane for drinks and a light lunch or gourmet dinner. For more information telephone 01233 840078.



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Films on show for Spring

Love and Friendship (2016) is Egerton's Film Club's offering for Thursday May 25th at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall. Adapted from Jane Austen's little known novel "Lady Susan" this is a stylish and entertaining film starring Kate Beckinsale as a beautiful, seductive and manipulative young widow who attempts to secure a husband for herself and a future for her eligible but reluctant daughter. The film runs for 92 minutes.

In conjunction with Egerton's Summer Music Festival the Film Club is showing "*Hilary and Jackie*" (1998) on Thursday June 22nd at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall which is based on the life of cellist Jacqueline Du Pre and her relationship with her sister Hilary. The film is a fascinating, no holds barred account of Jackie's musical career and private life. Emily Watson stars as Jackie. Admission to the performances is £4 for members and £5 for guests/non-members.

Quiz for Music Lovers

This year's Egerton Music Festival kicks off on Monday 26th June with another edition of the 'Great Egerton Music Quiz', where teams of up to six people pit their wits against musical questions set by Richard King. As usual this will be a fun evening – you don't have to have a great musical knowledge to join in – with most of the rounds using recorded music to provide the clues to the questions. Teams are asked to bring their own food, but a free bottle of wine and glasses will be provided for each table, just to oil the wheels. It costs £5 a head to enter (so a team of six is £30) and entry forms are available at the Egerton Village Stores, or from Richard (call 01233 756592). This is a fund raising evening in support of the Music Festival, and the organisers hope for a good turnout! Doors open at 7pm and the quiz starts at 7.30pm. Do enter a team and take part in what is set to be a highly enjoyable evening. The organisers look forward to seeing you there.



Any more places to stay?

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Egerton Computer Centre started life in Egerton in 1999 under the title of the Telecottage – the name was derived from a government initiative to encourage the setting up of information centres in rural areas. It was an integral part of the building of our new Millennium Hall. A few years later, Richard King managed to find some funds which allowed us to triple the size of the accommodation.

From the start, the centre has been run entirely by volunteers and in the early days full classes were run in a room with twelve computer stations. There is very little call for this kind of service now and we have changed the remit to cover a 'one to one' system to cover individual problems.

We now only open on a Saturday morning (not bank holiday weekends) between 10am and 12 noon where anyone can call in for help, enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. You can bring your own laptop or use one of our computers. We have photocopying and laminating facilities and you can research your family tree for a small fee.

However, our bank of volunteers has diminished, especially over the last two years and we are struggling to keep open for even this small amount of time. Our aim is to ask volunteers to cover just a maximum of one Saturday morning each month with a very flexible rota. Would you be able to help?

This assistance can be in several areas:

- Anyone without computer experience but who would be willing to make tea and coffee for visitors. These helpers will always be 'on duty' with a volunteer who has good technical knowledge.
- Anyone who has some knowledge of computers; either using software such as Office or Photoshop, etc. You will be joined by another volunteer with technical experience and a 'coffee maker'.
- And anyone would be welcome if they have a broad knowledge of computing, perhaps already working in the industry or are a proficient enthusiast. These helpers too will always be joined by a coffee maker.

We would love you to come and have a chat about how the Centre is run. Why not call and see us one Saturday morning for a coffee. Perhaps we might be able to persuade you to join our team!

Egerton Computer Centre's AGM will be held on Monday May 22nd at 7.30m at the Computer Centre in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend



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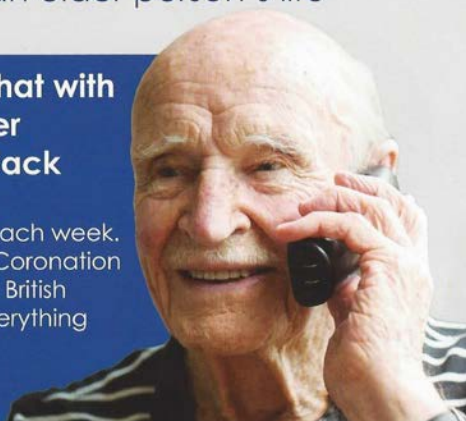
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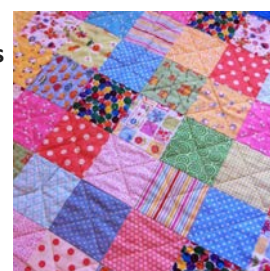
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Pluckley's Quilt and Crafts

Pluckley Village Hall is holding its fourth Quilt and Craft Show on Saturday and Sunday, 23rd and 24th September 2017. Open from 10.30am until 5.00pm each day, the entrance cost of £5 includes a drink and eats as well as access to an amazing exhibition of quilts, patchwork and other needlecraft and several associated traders.

The organisers are delighted to be able to have a showcase this year from Inger Milburn and there will probably be more quilts on display that were started by the late Sue Russell that have since been finished by other quilters.



As usual there will be a collection of beautiful locally made quilts, some of which we expect to be on sale. If the owners agree, any unsold "for sale" quilts will be auctioned on the Sunday at 4.00pm. The organisers are actively looking for local exhibits so if you have any needlecraft, patchwork items, or quilts that you would like displayed please get in touch soon! Contact Judy on 01233 840280 or email judith.pool@pluckley.net for further information or if you have any work to show off!

Come on down to the Farmers' Market



Shaun and Tara Musson run the market

Helen McCarron gives us a flavour of Egerton's Friday Farmers Market

Egerton Farmers Market, located in the Millennium Hall, has been part of the local community, around fifteen years. It is a non-profit organisation with the sole purpose of serving the local community by encouraging local farmers and individuals to sell their produce and products. Shaun and Tara Musson have run the market for three years. They are themselves stall holders and sell a large variety of food, edible treats, accessories and toys for domestic pets. They are great believers in promoting community spirit and love their role in supporting all the stall holders, around seven to eight regulars each week. Beef, lamb, pork, chicken, bacon, free range eggs (often including duck), home-made pies and sausages is available on Clive and Deborah Oven-den's stall. Their farm (Old Hall

Farm) has been in the family for six generations and is situated in the middle of Romney Marsh – once sea beds and steeped in history from the Romans through to smuggling. The farm concentrates on conservation grazing and traditional farming. The cattle and sheep are grass fed and free range - Salt Marsh Lamb is famous – they graze over quality pastures of natural grasses and samphire. The hardy environment causes the sheep to produce extra fat which marbles the meat making it moist and produces a sweet and delicate flavour. The pigs and chickens are fed on a diet of vegetables and a variety of grain, allowing the meat to be tasty and of a good quality. Clive spent years scouring the United Kingdom for traditional rare breeds of sheep, cattle, pigs and chickens and is now one of the most comprehensive and commercial rare breed farms in the UK. They have Middle White, large Black and Berkshire pigs, Hebridean, Balwen and Herdwick sheep

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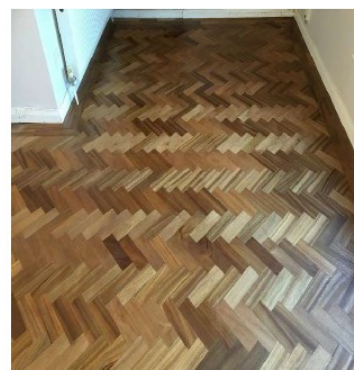
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and Dexter cattle (a breed of miniature cattle originating in Ireland). It is the smallest of the European cattle breeds. They are about half the size of a traditional Hereford and about one third the size of a Friesian milking cow. The markets stall of fruit and vegetables is seasonal, organic and delicious - I could not resist buying the rhubarb held by Sosi Kaskanian, which combined with cooking apples produced a yummy fruit crumble. The produce comes from the Hand of Hope charity, who Sosi is a trustee, based in Peasmarsh. It was formed to help tackle rural isolation and child obesity. They farm four acres of Soil Association accredited land and grow organically grown fruit and vegetables. To raise funds for their projects, they sell what they grow to local farmers markets and are planning to provide a HOH Cook Van, to sell cooked food and veggie boxes. They are also hoping to launch a local Lunch Club programme primarily for the elderly but with an open door to anyone. The charity is also involved in Hawkhurst Community Farm and Garden, a "walled" area of land based in Hawkhurst where they aim to create an all-inclusive welcoming environment for those communities their charity supports. Their idea is to work with local schools for the children to learn how to grow healthy organic food by planting, weeding picking and preparing. They also aim to bring together the elderly and children to share mature life experiences with youthful energy, in a true "living classroom". Local award winning Kent cheese is available from Michael Manby. On his stall you can usually find hard and soft cheeses from *Cheesemakers of Canterbury* a company that uses traditional, labour intensive methods. Their hard unpasteurised cheeses such as Ashmore Farmhouse (2011 World Cheese Awards Super Gold Medal - one of the top 50 cheeses in the world) and Ancient Ashmore, is made in the style of cheddar. After milling, they are wrapped in muslin and pressed for two days in 19th century presses before being stored on pine shelves unwrapped for between three to five months - what I found fascinating was the cheeses are turned and stroked daily to produce the unique natural rind.



Deborah Ovenden farms on Romney Marsh

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partner Vicky Dixon's homemade mouth-watering cakes. Phil started his bakery three years ago and uses local wheat from Eckleys farm where his premises is also located.

There are of course other stallholders the regular book store, Mel with her fish van from Hastings and the lovely ladies that provide tea and coffee in a café style environment but more on them next time.

The August issue of Egerton Update will feature more of the stallholders and their wares



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What's on in and around Egerton

EGERTON 22 JUNE - 2 JULY 2017 **MUSIC IN THE HEART OF KENT, THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND**

EVENTS

Thursday 22nd June, 7.30pm.
HILARY AND JACKIE
1988 film about Jacqueline du Pré. Egerton Film Society.
Egerton Millennium Hall. £15.00 (£8.00 for members)

Sunday 25th June - Sunday 2nd July
ART EXHIBITION
An exhibition of the work of local artists will be open on week-day evenings and all day on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd July.
Price: General Entry, Egerton

Monday 26th June, 7.30pm.
MUSIC QUIZ
Teams of six required, for a quiz on music of all kinds. Bring your own picnic supper.
£5.00

Tuesday 27th June.
Info on possible event to come

Wednesday 28th June, 7.30pm.
MOZART, THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO
The much-loved comic opera, presented by Opera House - one of the UK's leading touring companies.
www.operahouse.com
£25.00 (£12.50 for friends) Egerton Millennium Hall.
INFO AND TICKETS

Thursday 29th June, 7.30pm.
FROM TIMES SQUARE TO LEICESTER SQUARE
Steve Nigro returns to Egerton with a Road Band cast for an evening of songs from the show.
www.stevemignobands.co.uk
£15.00 (£10.00 for friends) Egerton Millennium Hall
INFO AND TICKETS

Friday 30th June, 7.30pm.
CHAMBER RECITAL
Laura van der Meulen (violin), BBC Young Musician of the Year in 2012.
is joined by Charles Jackson (violin) and Peter Clemens (piano)
www.lauravandermeulen.org
Charles Jackson
Peter Clemens
Egerton Millennium Hall. £15.00 (£10.00 for friends)
INFO AND TICKETS

8.00pm.
LANTERN SOCIETY ACOUSTIC CLUB SPECIAL
Theatre Music and Theatre-Live meet in a one-off special edition of their legendary acoustic club.
www.theatremusicclub.co.uk
Free entry (but tickets must be applied for, as space is limited). Egerton House Music Room.

Saturday 1st July, 12 noon.
ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC QUINTE
A recital by leading students who will also be performing in the Last Night concert.
St James's Church. £10.00 (£5.00 for friends)
INFO AND TICKETS

2.00pm.
PICNIC IN THE GARDEN WITH THE COAL PORTERS
Bring your own picnic and relax while listening to legendary vocalists, author and broadcaster, Ted Griffin's bluegrass ensemble, The Coal Porters.
www.coleporters.com
Egerton House walled garden. £2 or £5 for families.

7.30pm.
JAZZ SUPPER
Music by members of Canterbury Cathedral Big Band and supper prepared and served by student caterers.
Egerton Millennium Hall. £20.00 (£15.00 for friends)
INFO AND TICKETS

Sunday 2nd July, 3.00pm.
DANIELLE PERRETT
Acclaimed harpist Danielle Perrett, who performed in such films as Persepolis, presents a programme of Jane Austen excerpts interspersed with music capturing the mood of her writing.
www.danielperrett.co.uk
Egerton Millennium Hall. £10.00 (£5.00 for friends)
INFO AND TICKETS

7.00pm.
LAST NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA
Royal Academy of Music students are joined by students and members of Sutton Valence Choral Society for a traditional last night celebration.
www.suttonvalencechoral.org
£15.00 (£10.00 for friends) St James's Church, Egerton.
INFO AND TICKETS

From 8.00pm.
PETER, PAUL & MARY'S BROTHER
Peter, Paul & Mary's Brother will play their particular blend of pop/folk/rock to round off the Festival.
Price: The Banner House, Egerton.



EGERTON HOUSE ARTS

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Helen Bailey



Edward Hyde
BBC Chorister 2016



Jim Clements

Egerton House, Egerton TN27 9BD

7.15pm Saturday 20th May

Tickets £12 (under 18s £5)

From Egerton Village Shop or 01233 756354

A varied programme of music by Mozart, Schumann, R Strauss, Handel, Gershwin, Sondheim, D Swann, R Rodgers and A Lloyd Webber.

Since winning his BBC title Edward Hyde has been filmed singing in St Paul's Cathedral, and sung solo for Friday Night is Music Night and several times for BBC Radio.

Helen Bailey has on five occasions been the soprano soloist at Sutton Valence Choral Society concerts: "her lovely, expressively employed voice" *The Spectator*.

Jim Clements: "A genius, I can't think of any other description for Jim" *Barnaby Smith*

HAMLET

Egerton House South Garden, Egerton TN27 9BD

7.15pm Friday 28th July 2017

Changing Theatre returns in its 20th year for another open air production, creating an original interpretation of Shakespeare's Hamlet.

Tickets, £20.00 (Under 18s £10.00),

available from www.tickets.medway.gov.uk;

and from 1st May from Egerton Village Shop or 01233 756354.

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Sunday 7th May 2017

Support the School and get fit for a 5K or 10K run through the beautiful orchards, lanes and bluebell woodlands around Egerton Parish, or accompany your child in the Children's Fun Run.

- Entry fees: 10K & 5K - £10.00 (£5.00 for 13 to 18 year olds).
- Entry fee for the children's fun run - £2.00. Children must pre-register.
- Registration on the day from 9.15am or to guarantee your place pre-register by obtaining a form from the school office, online at www.egerton.kent.sch.uk or www.egertonrunningclub.co.uk or by emailing m.hutchy77@gmail.com
- Races start at 10am at Egerton School
- Medals and goody bag for all entrants
- Prizes for first male, first female entrant, also for first Mum and first Dad from Egerton School, first boy and first girl (13 to 16yrs) and first boy and first girl in the Children's Fun Run.
- Refreshments available
- Parking available at Egerton Village Hall

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See over for details of the Gardens, shown also on local Notice Boards

Egerton Friends *Invite you to* Our Summer Gardens

May 3 KAY & DICK CRABB
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May 10 SUE JOHNSON
KEEPERS COTTAGE
EGERTON HOUSE ROAD
(Pre-School Building Fund)

May 17 CORINNE WICKHAM
PEVINGTON FARM
PLUCKLEY
(Church Flower Guild)

May 24 PAM SCRIVENS
TRAM HATCH
CHARING HEATH
(Church Flower Guild)

May 31 WENDY SIMKINS
BARLINGS
STONEHILL ROAD
(Church Flower Guild)

June 7 CLAIRE FOINETTE
FRID FARM
FORGE LANE
EGERTON FORTAL
(Friends of St James- amenities)

June 14 PHILLIDA & MARTIN PYM
OLD HILL LODGE
THE HILL
CHARING
(Friends of St James- amenities)

June 21 SUE & JIM COOKE
12 HARMERS WAY
(Friends of St James- amenities)

June 28 MARY & DAVID BENKS
STONEHILL OAST
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(Friends of St James- amenities)

July 5 KATHY HOOKE
MUNDY BOIS HOUSE
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July 12 REBECCA SOUTHALL
HILL COTTAGE
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PLUCKLEY
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July 19 MARGIE & CHRIS STEVENS
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July 26 ELAINE & CEDRIC
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KATH & HAROLD HILDER
10 & 7 STISTED WAY
(Friends of St James- amenities)

Aug 2 MARY WALKER
3 WATER VILLAS
ROCK HILL ROAD
(Pre-School Building Fund)

Aug 9 RUTH & RAYMOND SHRUBB
OLD ORCHARD COTTAGE
STONEBRIDGE GREEN
(Church Flower Guild)

Aug 16 SUE ALLEN
JONSTONE WEST
ROCK HILL ROAD
(Friends of St James- amenities)

Aug 23 MARGARET MORRIS
BURNSIDE
ROCK HILL ROAD
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Aug 30 SALLY DARTNALL
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(Pre-School Building Fund)

Sept 6 KATE FENWICK
COURT LODGE
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Sept 13 DEE & ROGER HARPER for
PEGGY & BERGEN HARPER
12 NEW ROAD
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Sept 20 JAN & CHRIS BURGESS
STONEHILL BARN
STONEHILL ROAD
(Church Flower Guild)

Sept 27 ETHEL & NORMAN
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1 OLD SCHOOL COURT
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WI PLANT SALE & Children's Competition: Saturday May 13



Children are invited to enter, free of charge, an A4-sized painting or drawing of their favourite flower at EGERTON WI'S PLANT SALE on Saturday 13th May at the Millennium Hall from 10am to 12 noon.

Age groups are: 7 and Under; 8 and 9; and 10 and 11.

Please bring your entries to the school for Friday 12 May or to the hall by 9.30am on the 13th.



BETHERSDEN RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES.

Does your daughter want to join with either Rainbows (5 to 7 years) or Brownies (7 to 10 years)? There are vacancies in both units due to girls moving up to Guides. Rainbows meet on Mondays from 4.30 to 5.30 pm and Brownies meet on Wednesdays between 5 and 6.30pm. Both groups meet at the Scout and Guide Hut in Norton Lane, Bethersden. All are welcome, you don't have to live in Bethersden.

Contact Steph Dean on 07834563882.

Time ticks on...

Yvonne Fenrando, NLP Master Practitioner & Life Coach asks where does time go?

Time is something we all have, despite the fact that we often complain that we don't have time for anything! Time always continues at the same speed and it's a given that we have 24 hours each and every day, even if it may feel otherwise. We may not be able to control time itself, but we can certainly make the most of it. Every time we choose to do something, we also choose not to do something else. Wise choices are vital to achieving more in the time we have. 'How you manage your time is a reflection of how you live your life.' It's a great thing to reflect on. What comes up for you as you consider this? Are you really aware of how you use your time and what is really important to you? NLP offers a way to understand how we think, communicate and behave. Then, we can create models or patterns, which support us in achieving our goals. This way of thinking can be applied to how we manage time as well as many other areas of life. In NLP, there are two main ways in which people order and experience time - referred to as 'in time' and 'through time'. Those who function 'in-time' tend to be less aware of the passage of time and live life in the moment. They can get totally absorbed in a task

and become easily sidetracked. Sometimes they struggle with meeting deadlines or following a timeline. Their passion for certain tasks can lead to a lack of awareness of time passing, which in turn can sabotage their effective use of time.

'Through time' individuals are usually process-based, they can disassociate from the nitty-gritty of a task and literally see time stretching out ahead of them. Conscious of time passing and the sequence and interaction of events, these through timers are able to multi-task and plan. However, they can fall prey to too much planning and not enough doing.

It's important to realise that time should be of service to you rather than a constant pressure.

The more you engage with who you are and how you spend your time, the more you engage with the life you want.

Working with a NLP coach, can help you to understand how you manage your own time, whether you operate 'in time' or 'through time'.

What that actually means for you and how you can make time work for you and your goals.

Some powerful techniques for managing time include:

- Learning to prioritise and delegate



- Identifying time-drains and dead time
- Making distinctions between quality and quantity
- Training others to respect your time boundaries
- Focus and self-discipline
- Being Mindful
- Simplifying life
- Being realistic about what you can achieve
- Say 'no' more often
- Ensure your goals are aligned with your values (do what's important to you)
- And, creating time to plan time.

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Yvonne supports clients with positive change through one to one sessions and also runs regular workshops and programmes throughout the year. Yvonne is running a specially themed workshop in Charing on 24 May: Creative Journaling - Time - Where Does it Go.

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Births, Marriages & Deaths



BAPTISMS

Teddy-James Robert HILLS (Egerton)

Teddy-James was baptised at St. James the Great, Egerton on Sunday 19th March 2017.

Frederick Julian Edward BAYLEY

Frederick was baptised at St. James the Great, Egerton on Sunday 2nd April 2017.

Dexter John McNEIL-BREAVINGTON

Dexter was baptised at St. James the Great, Egerton on Sunday 9th April 2017.

WEDDINGS

Benjamin QUICK (Egerton)
and

Lauren BERRY

Benjamin and Lauren were married at St. James the Great, Egerton on Saturday 8th April 2017

FUNERALS

Judith Rose MELLA (Egerton)

Judith died on Tuesday 31st January 2017 aged 81. Her funeral took place at St. James the Great, Egerton, followed by cremation at Charing Crematorium, on Monday 27th February 2017.

Lynette Christine HARMER
(Egerton)

Lynette died on Monday 6th February 2017 aged 67. Her funeral took place at St. James the Great, Egerton, followed by burial in the churchyard, on Wednesday 22nd February 2017.

Sylvia Rita TURK (Egerton)

Sylvia died on Monday 13th March 2017 aged 84. Her funeral took place at St. James the Great, Egerton, followed by burial in the churchyard, on Tuesday 28th March 2017.

Spate of anti-social vandalism hits Egerton

Egerton has suffered a spate of anti-social behaviour and vandalism on an unprecedented scale in recent weeks, particularly in the Rock Hill Road area.

A significant number of acts of mindless vandalism, mostly occurring in the hours of darkness and especially at weekends, have taken place, causing residents distress and annoyance, particularly as this kind of incident had previously been so rare in the village.

The incidents have included the daubing of grease and obscene graffiti on a car parked in the Millennium Hall car park, the throwing of eggs on cars parked in Rock Hill Road on two occasions, the destruction of boards advertising the recent Parish Assembly, the destruction of fencing and other items at the junction of Rock Hill Road and Stone Hill Road and the removal, on two occasions, of sheep feeding troughs from fields on Rock Hill Road. These troughs were carried some distance and just discarded in the road. In another incident, the children's swings on the playing fields were wrapped round-and-round the horizontal support bar so that they could not be reached.

It was also reported that the letterbox sited at the entrance to Buss's Farm was also taken during this period. Some of these incidents have been reported to the police and the Parish Council later requested the attendance, at its latest meeting, of the PCSO who covers the Egerton Parish, so that concerns of residents could be voiced and the reasons for this spike in anti-social behaviour could be explored. Details of this meeting will be published in the next issue.

Kent Police have urged residents to remain vigilant and to immediately report any suspicious activity in the village, particularly if they witness any further incidents taking place.



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Egerton Blues on Tuesday

If you play an instrument or sing or just like listening to music then come along to the Egerton Folk and Blues club, at the Barrow House, every last Tuesday of the month at 8.00pm. The club welcomes all types of folk, blues and roots music and performers of all ages; even school children have performed during the holiday periods. Musicians and singers are also encouraged to jam with each other and this opportunity has helped create amongst others *Men without Hens* and *Blues Trip* - still a regular at the club. It has also in the past, as part of the fringe, been involved in previous Egerton Music festivals.

The Egerton Folk Club, as it was originally known, grew out of the Egerton Music Club's occasional informal music evenings held in the Egerton Millennium Hall. It then relocated to monthly gatherings at the then George Inn (now The Barrow House) at Egerton. A committee was formed, which still exists today and includes Jenny Griffiths, Kate Martin, John King and Jerry Crossley - one of the founders of the club.

The return to the George Inn, has completed a circle of venues the club has appeared in. In 2007 the club moved to the Rose and Crown at Mundy Bois. Martin Ledner, a regular musician and singer at the time became the anchor man and it was he who suggested the club should be renamed the Egerton Folk Club and Jerry became and continues to be the club's MC - which as he said, was more due to with, "Having recently lopped part of my index finger off". According to Jerry good years followed, "As a new Folk Club we were of great interest to other clubs at that time, and we benefitted from attracting a lot of performers, especially since we were better able to offer open floor spots to visiting singers and musicians". Also during this period Kent Radio did a feature on the club.

Sadly, in 2013 a new location had to be found when the Rose and Crown closed for a while. After a short stint at the Red Lion at Charing Heath, a new home was found in 2015 at the Queens Arms, at Egerton Forstal. The club was re-named the Egerton Folk and Blues Club to reflect its more eclectic approach to music. Finally, in January of this year the club returned to The Barrow House - the former George Inn.

Jerry, musician and singer, plays a number of instruments from guitar and mandolin to the medieval cittern and rebec. His taste in music is also far ranging from traditional Folk, blues, ragtime, bluegrass to Celtic Irish. He has in the past played in bands and duos; currently he is playing with Cats Pyjamas Folk Band, The Faversham Waytes Medieval Band and the Kits Cory Morris Dancers. He is also a folk dance caller and runs a monthly folk music and song session on the last Sunday of the month at the Red Lion, Lenham.



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May 14th, 2017. Danny

May 21st, 2017. Pastor Peter Buss, Bethersden

May 28th, 2017. Theo

June 4th, 2017. (Whit Sunday) Danny

June 11th, 2017. Ambrose

June 18th, 2017. (Fathers' Day) Theo

June 25th, 2017. Rev'd Peter Michell, Iden Green Congregational

July 2nd, 2017. Danny

July 9th, 2017. Ambrose

July 16th, 2017. Theo

July 23rd, 2017. Vincent Oliver, South Kent Community Church

July 30th, 2017. Danny.

Location: Chapel Lane, Egerton. TN27 9BX.

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Services led by our own Elders or by Guest Speakers.

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EGERTON, ST. JAMES

MAY

Sunday 7th 4th of Easter 09.30 Family Service

Sunday 14th 5th of Easter 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 21st 6th of Easter (Rogation) 09.30 Matins

Sunday 28th 7th of Easter 09.30 The Eucharist

JUNE

Sunday 4th Pentecost 09.30 Family Service

Sunday 11th Trinity 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 18th Trinity 1 09.30 Matins

Sunday 25th Trinity 2 09.30 The Eucharist

JULY

Sunday 2nd Trinity 3 09.30 Family Service

Sunday 9th Trinity 4 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 16th Trinity 5 09.30 Matins

Sunday 23rd Trinity 6 09.30 The Eucharist

Sunday 30th Trinity 7 10.30 Benefice Communion
Pluckley

For details of services in all 7 churches of the G7 Benefice please visit the website:

www.g7benefice.org or take a copy of Pew News from the table in the church. You will find a warm welcome in any of the churches.

If you would like to speak to someone about Baptism, Confirmation, a Wedding Service or any other matter please contact: Reverend Canon Sheila Cox (Rector) 01233 712598
sheilacox@g7benefice.org

Save Pluckley Station Campaign

Many Egerton residents will use Pluckley Railway Station and will be concerned to know that the station could be under threat. Users of Pluckley Station have started a "Save Pluckley Rail Services Action Group" and are looking for support. The Action Group web-site says: "South Eastern's franchise expires in December 2018 and therefore the Department of Transport (DfT) is looking to find the next operator. They have initiated a Public Consultation and issued the document "Shaping The Future" which looks at the current service, future challenges and the options for improvement for the South Eastern network. One of the challenges highlighted in the

report is to speed up longer distance journeys and the DfT is exploring options for reducing the journey time on the existing mainline route between the Kent coast and Charing Cross via Tonbridge. The consultation document explores reducing calls at "less well used" stations while acknowledging the "potential inconvenience" of passengers that use these "intermediate stations". From the data available, we believe Pluckley station would fall into this category and thereby be a target for cuts in services. We believe this would be disastrous and could potentially lead ultimately to the closure of the station."



As a user of Pluckley station – what do you need to do?

Please respond to the consultation. It is vital that you respond to the consultation by Tuesday 23 May 2017. Details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-south-eastern-rail-services>. Alternatively, you can write to: South Eastern Rail Franchise Consultation Co-ordinator Zone 4/13 Department for Transport Great Minister House 33 Horseferry Road London SW1P 4DR Or by Email to BetterSouthEastern@dft.gsi.gov.uk When responding, the Action Group

believes these key points should be stressed: Pluckley is a thriving and growing community, especially with the addition of new housing developments; The station is widely used by all members of the community, commuters, visitors and school children; There is no public transport to alternative stations and insufficient parking at Ashford International; To find out how you can register your support contact the Campaign Group at pluckleysaveourstation@gmail.com.

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If the boundary of your property borders the footway, then please be aware that:

- ✦ The full width of the footway/pavement must be available for use by pedestrians.

As well, there must be a minimum height clearance over the footway/pavement of 2.1 metres/7 feet for any vegetation.

If the boundary of your property borders the carriageway, then please be aware that:

- ✦ If you have vegetation that overhangs into the road, there must be a minimum height clearance of 5 metres/16 feet to accommodate buses and HGVs that may use the road.



If your property is rural, then vegetation should be 0.45 metres/1½ feet behind the edge of the road and all signs need to be kept clear of foliage.

Also, pay special attention to your trees, hedges and vegetation if your property is on or near a junction, and/or inside the bend of the road, to maintain maximum visibility for road users.

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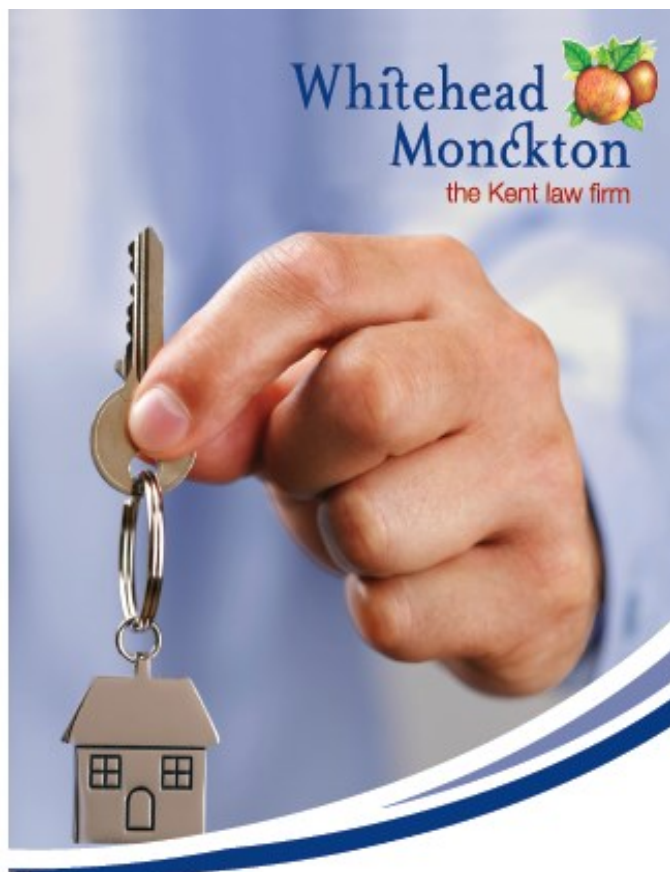
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WI broadcasts laughter

The Good Book says 'Laughter doeth good like a medicine'. Egerton WI had a liberal dose when Richard King gave members an account of his life in broadcasting. Richard's account of radio and television history - which he entered after touring the world in a double decker bus - was generously seasoned with anecdotes, accounts of famous broadcasts familiar to many older listeners, and descriptions of the occasional odd encounter with famous people such as Frankie Howard. As a long-standing member of Egerton's Parish Council and formerly a member of Kent County Council, he is a well-known and active public figure in the village; however the tales of his time overseeing Independent Broadcasting in the south-east, and all the events leading to this rôle, would amuse and inform a wide variety of audiences.

WI meetings for the next quarter are as follows:

May 3 Discussions and voting on this year's resolutions - Competition, a flower arrangement in a cup.

June 7. Adventures on the Allotment, Rob Masters Competition: a nature-inspired poem.

July 5. Yellowstone - Beauty & the Beast, Chris Wade.

Competition, A summer dip

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Best of Kent

Helen Baird runs Pluckley Farm Shop. Kentish fayre catches her attention

At the time of writing this article the sun is shining and the gardens and surrounding countryside are bursting with new life every day. I'm spoilt for subject choice. So much produce coming along: the asparagus season is in full swing; ducks and geese are laying; herbs are healthy; lambs are bouncing and soft fruits just coming in. Perfect seasonal food marriages such as blanched asparagus and poached eggs to start, followed by lamb chops and minted new potatoes. The changes in season bring a refreshing change from the comfort of soups and stews in winter. Asparagus is apparently low in salt and calories but is packed with vitamins and minerals. British grown asparagus is unique in flavour because of the minerals it draws from our soil. I refuse to buy anything other than English asparagus! Growing it is a labour of love and is cut by hand which adds to the cost of this vegetable, but it is worth it. Like all food, the less time it takes from field to plate the better it tastes. Asparagus pairs well with egg and egg based sauces, lovely with brown butter and fish, or stir through a risotto with truffle oil and fresh tarragon. Glorious! So many simple suppers with just one main ingredient.

And then there's the Kent strawberries...delicious! Whether a traditional bowl of strawberries and cream is your fancy, or strawberries with a smattering of balsamic vinegar tickles your taste buds (yes, I said balsamic vinegar!), just make sure they are local for maximum flavour. If you don't buy Egerton strawberries from the village shops then, quite frankly, you must be mad. It's a time of year not just for all things British



EASY STRAWBERRY TART

(ingredients in BOLD)

Forget the quick Eaton Mess with shop bought meringues. Try this easy recipe with shop bought pastry.

- Roll out the **puff pastry** to a rectangle. Place on parchment paper; brush with an **egg** wash; pierce the pastry with a fork and pop in a pre-heated oven at 180 degrees for 20 minutes.
- Meanwhile mix a pot of **mascarpone** with a little **icing sugar** (a teaspoon will do) and a squeeze of **lemon juice**. The juice makes the topping pliable.
- Once the pastry has cooked and cooled, apply the mascarpone with a knife and decorate with sliced **strawberries**.
- If you like your desserts sweet then mix the cut strawberries with a little **jam** before topping your pastry. You could get fancy and dip the strawberries in melted **chocolate**. Or spice it up by soaking the strawberries for a couple of hours in **toffee vodka** or **cherry brandy** (perhaps with a cinnamon stick in the bowl too). Make sure they are well drained before applying to your base or you'll get a soggy bottom!

The delightful thing about easy recipes is that there are a number of ways to use just the basic ingredients of puff pastry and strawberries.

but all things Kentish. Coast caught fish, local lamb, oysters, seasonal vegetables, soft fruits and orchard fruits all washed down with the ever growing industry of Kent wine and beers. Have you tried the Westwell wine yet? I believe it is our closest vineyard.

My ideal outdoor summer lunch would be cooked asparagus spears with a little unsalted butter and eggs Benedict on the side. Accompanying this with a big bowl of salad, including fresh tarragon leaves. And then there's dessert (see recipe above!)



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Kipling, Morris Dancing and Detector Dogs

Sheila Palmer reports on the Over 60's

At our February meeting one of our favourite speakers -Geoff Hutchinson- presented us with a superb talk on Rudyard Kipling. As always, he made it very interesting and with his clear diction, the afternoon was most enjoyable. Rudyard was, and is, well known for his Jungle Book [1894] and many other works of fiction. He was one of the most popular writers in the United Kingdom, in both prose and verse in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. His children's books are classic literature. He was born Joseph Rudyard Kipling on December 30th 1865 and died on January 18th 1936 aged 70, in London. He now rests in Poets Corner in Westminster Abbey. His home was in Burwash, Batemans, and is open to the public and belongs to the National Trust.

A most enjoyable Winter Warmer Lunch was held at The George -Molash - by 50 + members in February. The food was delicious and so well presented by the most delightful and thoughtful servers.

Melanie Gibson-Barton was our speaker for March, her subject was ~ *The History of Morris Dancing*. She explained that throughout history Morris Dancing has gone through many manifestations. Five hundred years ago it was a dance for one or two, today it is for 4 or more. It has been kept alive in some villages by those who had it in their blood. In 1899 Cecil Sharp, a music teacher in London, watched some dancers and was most impressed. Later he became a great folk music collector, and in 1911 he formed The English Folk Dance Society. Each group is called a SIDE, and they usually practice during the winter months and perform during the summer. Each SIDE wears a different costume, usually consisting of white shirts and black trousers or breeches. Some wear rosettes on their shirts, or tabard. Most have their own badge or emblem signifying their place of origin. Historically, their music would have been provided by pipe and tabor, the whistle and dub. In later times it would sometimes be by penny whistle, mouth organ and even the banjo. Melody assured us that Morris Dancing is not just hanky waving, fun, fitness and beer!



We have had great pleasure in welcoming quite a few new members—mostly from outside of our village. We hope they find our speakers stimulating and interesting and that they will join in our various activities and make new friendships.

Our April meeting—a presentation by Millie and Biddy on behalf of the Medical Detection Dogs. We found this most informative as very few of us had heard of this charity before. This charity trains dogs to detect the odour of human disease. It is at the forefront of the research into the fight against cancer and helping people with life-threatening diseases. Bio- Detection Dogs are trained to find the odour of diseases such as cancer, in samples such as urine, breath and swabs. The association receives no government funding for the work they do and rely entirely on the generosity of donations from trusts and the public.

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FUTURE DATES:

Monday May 8th--
Imogen Corrigan--*The Hazards of a Journey*.

Wednesday 17th May--
Mystery Tour to include Fish chip lunch.

Monday June 12th -
Kent Fire and Rescue Service.

Thursday June 22nd Big outing -
London whole day trip on MV POCAHONTAS, touring the Thames.

Monday July 10th--
Steve Kirk-- *What is Bushcraft?*.

Tuesday July 18th--
Outing to Margate, and the Walpole Bay Hotel



Egerton residents Spring into Action!

On April Fool's Day—Saturday 1st April, Egerton held its annual spring clean.

Ashford Borough Council (ABC) provide the equipment, but only after completing a daunting risk assessment form consisting of five pages of all possible hazards which could be found during such an event, to which the organiser has to sign to indicate acceptance of these dangers. They also wish you to sketch a road map

This isn't easy if you are no kind of artist.

The day was fine though rather windy on the open recreation ground. This year ABC provided a new item of equipment in the form of a circular band with a foam hand gripper and strong elastic between which you place your bin liner which makes it easier to place rubbish into. Normally it is no easy task trying to put tiny bits of rubbish and dog-ends

in a bin liner which held in the wrong direction opens up and tries to blow you away or in the wrong direction doesn't open at all!

Attendance was great this year, 12 adults and three children, **thank you all so very much** for sparing your precious time for this annual event, **especially Jim and Sue Cooke** for tackling New Road yet again, our worst area.



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Cricket: Pitch Perfect

The new season got under way on Easter Sunday. At the time of writing the cricket square and outfield are in perfect condition – in complete contrast to 12 months ago when parts of the outfield were still a bog! The Sunday League team continue to play in the top flight of Kent Village Cricket League with 13 matches over the summer.

Youth teams: in addition to the U13 XI, this year there will be a U15 XI entered in the Ashford District Junior League. New young players most welcome! With 2 youth teams the early season is extremely busy with 44 fixtures arranged up to the end of June alone.

All support much appreciated. New players (of any standard) wanting to play are always most welcome and should **contact Paul Hope on 07885 509751**

Junior coaching

The new season coaching starts on Thursday 18th May (6.30pm) at the Sports Pavilion. For details contact Paul Hope.

2017 Cricket Tour 8th –10th August

In memory of Jim Cowell (long time loyal player, umpire and supporter of the Club), the tour this year is to Nottinghamshire 8th-10th August. The fixtures have been arranged by Jim's family in the area and will be against Clumber Park CC, Wiseton CC and Blyth CC. Any-one interested in going on the tour should contact Paul Hope as soon as possible on 07885 509751.

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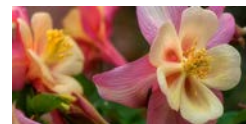
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Eastwell	
2 nd May	v Folkestone (U15)
Eastwell (U13)	
4 th May	v Rye (U13)
7 th May	v Shepway Stragglers
13 th May	v Selling
14 th May	v Bredgar
20 th May	v Smarden
23 rd May	v Mersham (U15)
25 th May	v Kennington(U13)
28 th May	v Bapchild (KVCL)
(KVL)	
3 rd June	v Hawkinge
4 th June	v Wye (KVCL)
6 th June	v Great Chart (U15)
Eastwell (U15)	
10 th June	v Little Chart (2 nd XI)
15 th June	v Boughton & Eastwell (U13)
17 th June	v Benenden
18 th June	v Stone in Oxney (KVCL)
24 th June	v Great Chart
(KVL)	
25 th June	v Elham Valley (KVCL)
(2 nd XI)	
27 th June	v Wye (U15)
(U15)	

Away:

16 th April	v Boughton &
23 rd April	v Boughton &
29 th April	v Hawkinge
30 th April	v Little Chart
6 th May	v Otterden
9 th May	v Wye (U15)
11 th May	v Wye (U13)
16 th May	v Rye(U15)
20 th May	v Benenden
21 st May	v Woodchurch
25 th May	v Sandhurst
29 th May	v Frittenden
30 th May	v Boughton &
1 st June	v Mersham (U13)
3 rd June	v Gills Green(2 nd XI)
8 th June	v Mersham (U13)
10 th June	v Rolvenden
11 th June	v Street End
17 th June	v Bethersden
20 th June	v Folkestone

The Garden in Summer

Tips for the amateur gardener from the Dobbie's website



May	June	July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant summer bedding Support tall herbaceous borders plants Start to harden off bedding plants Plant hanging baskets Ensure newly planted plants are kept watered in dry spells Water newly planted fruit trees and bushes in dry spells Apply a weedkiller and fertiliser combination to lawns Mow lawns once a week if needed. Lay new turf and keep well watered if dry Visit the garden centre for new pots and basket plants Watch out for late frosts and keep fleece handy Check watering each day as temperatures rise <p><u>Vegetables</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is possible to plant out brassicas (cauliflower/cabbage) if they have been grown in a greenhouse. Remember to use a brassica collar to keep cabbage root fly away Most vegetable crops can be sown but delay if the soil is cold and wet Plant a main crop of potatoes Earth up early crop potatoes Weed between any vegetable crops that are growing Harvest any asparagus spears that are showing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant summer bedding, window boxes and troughs Prune spring flowering shrubs to prevent them becoming overgrown Thin out seedlings of hardy annuals sown directly into the soil Spray roses to control pest and disease, remove suckers Support taller annuals and perennials with pea sticks pushed into the soil Water newly planted shrubs and perennials in dry periods <p><u>Fruit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tie new canes of raspberries and blackberries onto wires Spread nets over soft fruit bushes Check fruit cages. Put straw under strawberries to protect from slugs <p><u>Vegetables</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thin out rows of previously sown vegetables to allow them to reach their potential Keep onions well watered to ensure that the bulbs swell Pull up soil around main crop potatoes Pinch out tips of broad beans to discourage black fly <p><u>Lawns</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mow lawns more frequently and reduce the cutting height Feed tired lawns with lawn food to give them a boost Apply a combined feed and water if you have not already done so. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prune late spring and early summer flowering shrubs immediately after flowering Deadhead and feed roses and spray for aphids etc. Water hanging baskets and containers at least once a day and feed once a week Feed perennials and shrubs with a granular fertiliser and hoe into the soil <p><u>Fruit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check nets on fruit cages to make sure that they have not moved or been damaged Strawberry runners can be pegged down into soil or pots Pick raspberries regularly <p><u>Vegetables</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest early potatoes and earth up main crop potatoes to give an increased yield Sow salad crops directly into the ground to continue getting fresh plants <p><u>Lawns</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to mow grass raising the height of cut in dry weather <p><u>Ponds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to feed pond fish and remove any blanket weed Check filters on pumps to ensure that they are not blocked Remove any plant material that has fallen into the pond to prevent the build-up of disease




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The Council have now removed the public toilets in Vicarage Lane. You can obtain a leaflet by going onto the Ashford Borough Council's website and


looking under Environment, Public Toilets and the leaflet is called "Ashford's Community Toilet Scheme". It lists the businesses and the level of their facilities and detailed times of opening.

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The information on the app was handed out at an all-day Rural Affairs Conference held by Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) and attended by a Parish Councillor. The programme was very diverse from "The Rural Environment: Threats and Opportunities" from the Crime Rural Advisory Committee (CRAG), to "Local Councils: Working Within the Rural Network" from Action for Communities in Rural Kent which discussed challenges in rural communities from saving shops and pubs and new projects to the importance of village halls, and community centres.

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February Minutes

Footpaths and Stiles: There are still quite a few outstanding footpath issues awaiting action by KCC. New issues since January meeting have been reported to KCC including AW68 rotten wooden struts and further on a fence-type structure to try to climb over is proving difficult. Also reported a broken wooden stile on AW81 between Stone Hill and Green Hill. Lastly reported a fingerpost lying on the ground near Egerton House.

Highways: There are still quite a few outstanding highways issues awaiting action by KCC. Hedge needs restoring along New Road. Carriageway collapsing along Barhams Mill Road but KCC say it does not meet their criteria. Broken sign at Stonebridge

Green still causing identification problems. Clerk will try to clarify with KCC. Works are being programmed for mud in drain in Iden Lane.

Neighbourhood and Parish Plans: The meeting in January 2017 was attended by Martin Newman of Pluckley who talked about the way Pluckley had formed their Neighbourhood plan.

He thought it would be wiser if Egerton only had a small Committee to help move the plan forward. Next meeting Wednesday 22nd February when a Chairman will be elected and the Committee chosen. Charing, Pluckley and Smarden PC. Pluckley have come back and wish to purchase 150 chairs at £1 each. The money raised will be given to the Millennium Hall.

The Clerk is waiting for Pluckley to organise transport.

Finance Committee: The Precept figures have been received from ABC. Egerton PC have been allocated all money requested. The Clerk will send out the report to Cllrs.

Emergency Planning and Resilience: The sub-committee have been working on updating the Emergency Plan by contacting potential vulnerable people and potential volunteers. Also to establish a telephone tree.

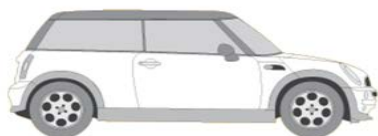
Broadband: Harmers Way and Stevens Close residents who have 840 numbers have been invited to a meeting on Tuesday 21st February with KCC and BT to discuss changing their numbers to 756 ready for when the new box is put in place for faster broadband, the Clerk will attend this meeting on behalf of EPC.

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Rubbish: The Clerk is to check with ABC if other villages have the problem of bags of clothing being left in various areas.

Glebe mowing: A quote for mowing awaited.

Pre-school movie night: If activities are carried out on the recreation ground it is believed that there cannot be a charge for use, so the movie night may need to be held elsewhere.

Mobile phone signal: A letter has been drafted to Damian Green expressing our views on the dreadful reception within the village with a copy to Charlie Simkins.

New Road overgrown hedge: The Clerk has written to Mr Downs but has yet to receive a reply.

Correspondence: A Nations Tribute and WW1 Beacons Of Light - 11th November 2018: The Clerk will add EPC to list of names interested in this event.

Invicta Village Sign Plaques:- It was decided not to go for a plaque but to have a discussion at the March meeting about erecting gates at entrances of village.

Tesco funding £5000: The criteria has changed to obtain money but it still may not be possible to get funding for the pre-school building but maybe some equipment.

Event Rural Affairs Conference: A Councillor will attend this event on 9th March 2017.

Any Other Business:

Mowing/strimming quote- cricket club: The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Heber and the Cricket club before the mowing season.

Commonwealth Day 13th March: The Clerk will check about raising the flag.

Kent Permit Scheme, bus stop: The Clerk is awaiting a response from KCC.

Spring clean: This will be held on Saturday 1st April at 10.00am at the hall car park. The Clerk will arrange with ABC for delivery of all equipment.

Welcome Packs: Two packs have been delivered, one to Rock Hill Oast and one to Hudson House. **The Shop:** The Clerk is to enquire as to the position on the sale of the shop.

Salt Bins: The bin opposite Rock Hill House had been moved onto the highway, Richard Hopkins has moved back on to the grass verge. The salt bin beside the games barn was empty. Richard Hopkins has filled it. The Clerk will write to thank Richard for his help. **Memorial Tree:-** Roy Manuel has requested to plant a tree on the lower rec in remembrance of Joan. The Council agreed to this.

March Minutes

Footpaths and stiles: There are still quite a few footpath issues outstanding. The vegetation growth along the byway from Hazeldene Farm up to Coach Road has still not been cleared so an Egerton working party will be assembled to clear it soon.

The fallen fingerpost to the side of Bedewell has been scheduled for replacement.

The remaining issues are mainly awaiting allocation by KCC.

A new item reported to KCC is another fallen fingerpost along Iden Lane towards the Pluckley end.

Highways: Hedge between Stone Hill and Greenhill has now been cut.

The broken sign at Stonebridge Green still needs defining to KCC.

Mud in drain at Iden in Iden Lane. KCC state "Works being programmed".

30MPH sign on Rock Hill Road opposite Water Villas is damaged. Reported to KCC.

Neighbourhood and Parish Plans: The meeting held on 22nd February in the Committee room elected a committee it was decided that the steering group would be five people.

There will be a display at the Annual Parish Assembly to keep villagers informed as to the progress. The first action is to inform ABC that Egerton are to start the NHP. A four page publication will be sent out to every household explaining all about the NHP. The next meeting following the PA will be 23rd March in the Committee room, the Clerk will book this.

Emergency Planning and Resilience Workshop: A number of responses have been received from vulnerable persons within the village have been received. Letters have now been sent to people on the volunteers list to check this is up to date. A telephone tree will be completed using committee members and volunteers to spiral down to everyone in the event of an emergency.

Broadband: A meeting was held on 21st February 2017 at 7.00pm in the Sports Pavilion with representatives from Openreach and BT.

Residents of Stevens Close and Harmers Way with 840 prefix telephone numbers to be changed to 756 prefix to take advantage of the new faster broadband being installed onto the Egerton exchange.

Glebe mowing: A quote was received but a resident offered to mow the grass and dispose of the cuttings. Thank you.

Pre-school movie night: It is hoped to hold this event on Sunday 3rd September on the cricket field with parking on the football pitch. The pre-school movie night committee will be at the Parish Assembly.

Unsatisfactory Mobile phone signal: Peter has received a reply from Damian Green who has promised to follow up query and will reply at a later date.

Battles over: The Clerk has contacted Bruno Peek, Pageantmaster to express EPC interest in olding an event to mark the 100 years of remembrance.

Entrance signs: Following a questionnaire a while ago, many in the village were in favour of gates at the various entrances to Egerton. This never went forward at the time and it is to be put to villagers with a stand at the Parish Assembly.

Mowing/strimming: The Clerk will contact Heber to request a cut to grass very soon. The Chairman of the playing fields would like a meeting with Heber to discuss grass cutting on the cricket and football pitches.

Commonwealth Day: The Clerk has advertised this event and it is hoped villagers will visit the church for coffee and see the flag.

Kent Permit: The Clerk will follow up on this as there has been no follow up from ABC.

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Spring Clean: This will be held on Saturday 1st April, all to meet in the Millennium hall car park at 10.00am. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The Clerk has contacted ABC to request paper-work and equipment.

Rural Affairs event: A Councillor will attend this event on Thursday 9th March and will circulate a report following the event.

Reported crimes by PCSO for February 2017: 02/02/2017: Theft of motor vehicle – Green Hill lane. 8/2/2017: Burglary dwelling and theft. – Field mill road. 22/02/2017: Burglary dwelling – Mundy Bois Road. The PCSO said she will attend the farmers market on a Friday when possible to meet with Parishioners to give them opportunity to discuss any issues. The PCSO also attended Crocken Hill regarding a nuisance quad bike, any information about this crossing farmers' fields and where it may come from would be very useful and a call of concern from a farmer in Forge lane who rents his land out for sheep reported persons unknown are allowing their dogs to roam off the leads near the sheep.

Any Other Business:

Snow Committee: Richard Hopkins holds the grit/salt for bad weather but is not now the contractor for KCC. This is Tom Hope, who will be asked if he can take over responsibility of areas within the village not covered by KCC. These include clearing the car park at the Millennium Hall

Christmas tree: The tree will be taken down and the plate to cover the hole will be placed there.

Notice board on Glebe: This has been repaired where the wind caught the door and damaged the hinge and Perspex.

Crockenhill Road repairs: The Clerk requested all Cllrs to report the bad state of repair of the road from The Old Harrow through to Pemples Cross.

Christmas decorations for the village: Denise Smith has given a number of decorations and two trees for use by the village. They will be stored until required.

Mud over drain by Committee room: This has been cleared away

Egerton Update: Congratulations to the team who produce the magazine an excellent publication.

Telephone box opposite The Barrow House: BT are to keep this following a request from EPC. The box has been cleaned and foliage cleared. The Clerk will report that the light does not work.

April Minutes

Footpaths and stiles: All issues reported to KCC remain outstanding..

The Chairman is to contact KCC's footpath officer and show him the outstanding issues to try and get some of them resolved.

Highways: Two items are still outstanding. The Clerk is to report pot holes along Iden Lane and Forge Lane.

Neighbourhood and Parish Plans:

A Committee of six people was formed with others working on other specialist details. A letter has been sent to ABC that Egerton are going forward with a Neighbourhood plan and a map has been sent to ABC showing the boundary. ABC will display on their portal details of Egerton's NHP for four weeks, if no objections then support from ABC will move the plan forward. The next meeting will be on 12th April.

Emergency Planning and Resilience

Workshop: The Emergency Plan is nearing completion of the update of the information.

Broadband: The Clerk has been liaising with Openreach and residents of Harmers Way to move forward the change of telephone numbers from 840 prefix to 756. The Clerk has also been liaising with BT/Openreach about the siting and installation of the new box opposite the Barrow House ready for faster broadband. The Clerk will report at the next meeting progress.

Glebe mowing: Graham has already done some mowing. Thank you Graham.

Pre-school movie night: It seems unlikely to be a problem to use the recreation ground for the movie night.

Village entrance signs: A display was put out at the Parish Assembly showing what the new signs might look like. A questionnaire will be circulated with the Update magazine to ask if villagers approve/disapprove of having the signs. While looking into the possibility of having the signs a query was raised with KCC about the 'no footpath' sign at Stonebridge Green which obscures the village name sign. KCC have offered to have one of the signs moved if the PC decides to keep the sign.

Kent Permit for New Road bus stop: Enquiries are continuing.

Spring Clean: 12 adults and three children attended and most people reported that there was a lot less rubbish than on previous years.

Rural Affairs event: A report was circulated following attendance of this event. A Country Eye app for mobile phones was thought interesting, a picture can be taken on the phone to report activities that may be unlawful, an article is to be included in the next Update magazine.

Shop sale: An article provided by Fraser from the shop will be put into the next Update magazine to keep villagers informed.

PCSO: Following the report sent out for March meeting it had been hoped a report would be sent each month. The Clerk will contact the PCSO and request a regular report.



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Parish Assembly: The more informal format was largely agreed to be a success and many villagers attended. It is thought though that maybe there might be a need for some sort of formal discussion time.

Noticeboard on The Glebe: Glen felt that although he and Tim had tried to keep it in good repair the weather and time have taken a toll and a new notice board will need to be purchased.

Primary school: The position of Headteacher is still unfilled.

Treatment works: Comments have been received about noisy vehicles at the sewage works due to a pump having broken. It has been necessary to manually pump sewage. Repairs will be carried out.

Web site: Articles will be transferred to Hugofox. The auditor has picked up certain items that need to be shown on the web site.

Trains stopping at Pluckley: At the Parish Assembly Queries have been raised about less trains stopping at Pluckley. There is to be a consultation about South Eastern franchise. The PC will contact Pluckley PC as to whether they have any more information.

Tree at Forstal Villas: As there is no preservation order on the tree in question there is no problem about the tree having been cropped to a manageable size.

Welcome pack: A welcome pack has been delivered to new residents in Harmers Way.

Roy Manuel: A rowan tree has been planted in the lower recreation ground in memory of Joan.

Fly-tipping: It was thought that an email received by EPC advertising CCTV should be kept on file in case fly-tipping became more of a problem in the future for the village.

Chairs: Pluckley PC have taken 127 chairs which were being stored in the barn, the Clerk is awaiting a cheque which will be given to the Millennium hall committee.

Forthcoming meetings:

The June meeting of Egerton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 6th June at 8pm in the Village Hall Committee room.

The minutes of the May, June and July meetings will appear in the next issue of *Egerton Update*.

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PLUCKLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2016-31 DECISION STATEMENT

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

The Pluckley Neighbourhood Plan was the subject of a referendum held on Thursday 9th March 2017. 88.2% of those who voted were in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Following the positive referendum result, Ashford Borough Council has published its decision to 'make' the *Pluckley Neighbourhood Plan 2016-31* as part of Ashford Borough Council's Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Where and when the plan and notice may be inspected:

An electronic copy of the Decision statement, Pluckley Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation is available to view on the Ashford Council website:

<http://www.ashford.gov.uk/pluckley-neighbourhood-plan>.

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VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Weekly

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2pm Zumba (GB)	1pm Mother & Toddler (VH) 6pm Yoga (VH) 7pm Short Mat Bowls (GB) 7.45pm Yoga (VH)	9am ERC (SP) 11am Egerton Friends (Garden schedule) From 2.30pm Library (See schedule) 6pm ERC (cycling - see website)	1.30pm Yoga (VH) 7pm ERC Circuits (GB)	8.45am ERC (SP) 9.30am Pilates (GB) 1.30 Short Mat Bowls (GB) 2pm Farmers Market (VH)	10am - 12pm Telecottage	9am ERC (see website)

May 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2 10-11am Borough Councillor (VH) 8pm EPC (VH)	3 7.30pm Women's Institute (VH)	4	5	6	7
8 2.00pm Over 60s (VH)	9	10 2.20pm DFAS (VH) 7.30pm WI Table	11	12	13 10-12noon WI Plant Sale (VH)	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 7.15pm EHA Recital Stage & Film (EH)	21
22	23	24 7.30pm WI Table Tennis (VH)	25 7.30 EFS (VH) "Love & Friendship"	26	27	28
29	30 8pm EFBC (TBH)	31				

Key to diary: Venues

VH = Village Hall
GB = Games Barn
SP = Sports Pavilion
PVH = Pluckley Village Hall
SJC = St James' Church
EPS = Egerton Primary School

Key to diary: Clubs & Societies

EPC = Egerton Parish Council
ERC = Egerton Running Club
EMC = Egerton Music Club
ECC = Egerton Cricket Club
EMF = Egerton Music Festival
EFS = Egerton Film Society

June 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6 10-11am Borough Councillor (VH)	7 7.30pm WI (VH)	8	9	10	11
12 2pm Over 60s (VH)	13	14 2.20pm DFAS (VH)	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 7.30pm EFS "Hilary & Jack- ie" (VH)	23	24	25 10am-6pm daily. EMF Art Exhibition. (GB)
26 7.30pm EMF Music Quiz (VH)	27 8pm EFBC (TBH)	28 7.30pm EMF Opera Brava (VH)	29 7.30pm EMF Musical Theatre (VH)	30 7.30pm EMF Chamber Recital (VH) + 8pm EMF Acoustics (EH)		

July 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1 EMF 3 events. See Programme	2 EMF 3 events. See Prog. End of Art Exhibition.
3	4 10-11am Borough Councillor (VH)	5 7.30pm Women's Institute (VH)	6	7	8	9
10 2pm Over 60s (VH)	11	12	13 MAGAZINE COPY DATE	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/ 31	25 8pm EFBC (TBH)	26	27	28 7.15pm EHA Hamlet (EH)	29	30

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Parish Clerk	Heather James	01233 756501
Footpaths Representative	Pat Parr	01233 756601
Tree Warden	Peter Rawlinson	01233 756393

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Youth & Families Minister:	Mim Oliver	07725 112141
Egerton Free Church	Revd Ambrose Oliver	01233 756459
Egerton Churchwardens:	John Lumley	01233 756249
	Linde Ovington-Lee	01233 756572
PCC Secretary St James'	Jan Burgess	01233 756147
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Bell ringers, St James'	Mike Yarrow	01233 756387
Friends of St James Church	Dick Crabb	01233 756517
Kent God's Acre Project	Sarah Widd	01233 756460

Schools & Playgroups

Egerton Primary School	Acting-headteacher	01233 756274
Egerton Pre-School	Emily Leggat (Manager)	07773 600982
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Clubs & Organisations

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Egerton Film Society	Richard King	01233 756592
Egerton Friends	Elaine Graham	01233 756137
Egerton Housing Association	Sue Palmer	01233 756686
Egerton House Arts	Bryan and Bonnie Gipps	01233 756354
Egerton Telecottage	Carol Hulm	07990 574214
Egerton Players	Vanessa Perrin	01622 851854
Egerton Over Sixties Club	Jenny/Theo Oliver	01233 756452
Egerton Village Hall Bookings	Jim Cooke	01233 840479
Egerton Women's Institute	Claire Foinette	01233 756714
Headcorn Scout Group	Ann Carroll	01622 890061
Weald of Kent Protection Society	Gale King	01233 756592
Egerton Decorative & Fine Arts Society	Lynne Saunby	01233 663775

Sport

Egerton Games Barn Bookings	Joan Smyth	01233 840362
Egerton Sports Pavilion Bookings	Bill Smyth	01233 840362
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Egerton & Pluckley Junior Football Club	John Harrison	01233 840822
Egerton Running Club	Sarah Elworthy	01233 756205
Egerton Short Mat Bowls	Mike Yarrow	01233 756387
Egerton Walking Group	Claire Foinette	01233 756714

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